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SUBJECT: DARIEN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN PANAMA NEAR
COLOMBIAN BORDER.

1. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FHWA) ADVISES IT WISHES
AUTHORIZE FOR GOP ADVERTISEMENT IN JUNE OF BIDS FOR 3 RD
MAJOR DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY PROJECT FROM CANGLON TO YAPE IN
PANAMA. YAPE IS ABOUT 25 MILES FROM COLOMBIAN BORDER
THUMB AREA. ON BASIS ADVERTISEMENT, CONTRACT WOULD BE
AWARDED IN FALL 1973 AND CONSTRUCTION BEGIN NEAR END OF
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1973. FHWA IS ANXIOUS TO PROCEED WITH ADVERTISEMENT/
AUTHORIZATION OF 3 RD PROJECT SINCE IT IS ONLY NEW PROJECT
NOW READY FOR CONSTRUCTION IN PANAMA, AND CAN PROMPTLY
UTILIZE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS.

2. QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED OF WHETHER CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITIES ON SUCH PROJECT WOULD POSE UNACCEPTABLE RISK
OF SPREAD OF FOOT- AND- MOUTH DISEASE INFO PANAMA FROM
COLOMBIA. SUCH RISK MAY COME FROM COLOMBIAN LABORERS,
FAMILIES AND CAMP FOLLOWERS MOVING INTO CONSTRUCTION AREA
AS WELL AS PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR SMUGGLING CATTLE AND
OTHER LIVESTOCK AND FOODSTUFFS INTO PANAMA FROM COLOMBIA.

3. COUNTRY TEAMS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT BY
MAY 28 OF RISKS OF TRANSMISSION OF FMD POSED BY CONSTRUC-
TION OF THIRD PROJECT (CANGLOM- YAPE) IN PANAMA. ASSESS-
MENT SHOULD INCLUDE ANALYSIS OF TERRAIN, MOVEMENT OF
PEOPLE AND CATTLE BETWEEN COLOMBIAN BORDER REGION AND
PANAMA, SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO MOVEMENT OF COLOMBIANS
ACROSS BORDER, INCLUDING SMUGGLERS OR THOSE SEEKING WORK
RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. ASSESSMENT SHOULD
ALSO FOCUS ON ADEQUACY OF PANAMANIAN AND COLOMBIA BORDER
CONTROLS. ALTHOUGH PLANNED USDA/ AID TECHNICAL TEAM
VISIT TO COLOMBIA BORDER COULD SHED ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON
FACTUAL SITUATION IN BORDER AREA, THIS TRIP WILL NOW BE
DELAYED UNTIL JUNE, POSSIBLY TOO LATE FOR RELEVANCE TO
THIS ISSUE. COUNTRY TEAMS THEREFORE REQUESTED BASE
EVALUATION ON BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION THAT CAN BE
DEVELOPED BY MAY 28. RUSH

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